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Saracino To Fight State Order

by Dale Fiske

Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Precinct 4 Agawam Town Councilor Anthony Saracino received a letter, Friday, January 31st, from Thomas Joyce, state coordinator on court officers services, stating that he has until February 12th to either resign his elected post or take a leave of absence from his job.

Saracino's attorney, former Town Solicitor Anthony C. Bonavita told us at presstime, "They (the state) are forcing us to go to court even though we are still proceeding through grievance."

Saracino has worked as an officer at Hampshire Superior Court for seven years. He was sworn-in as a town councilor on January 2nd.

Union Contract Cited

The dispute centers around Saracino's union contract which does stipulate that employees must ask for a leave of absence, without pay, in writing when they take out nomination papers to run for public office, according to Joyce.

However, both Bonavita and Saracino flatly revoke this clause, stating that a state law amended in 1980 allows state employees to hold office and receive com-

pensation if they do not vote on matters which affect the agency they work for.

Bonavita told us the law supercedes the contract which was drafted July 1st, 1984, running to June 30th, 1987.

Bonavita said legal action to protect Saracino may come as early as Thursday, February 6th (presstime). Initially, Bonavita said, he will seek a temporary restraining order against the Office of Chief Administrative Justice of Trial Courts.

"Without a restraining order, Mr. Saracino will be irreparably harmed by being forced to take a leave of absence without pay from his job, or be forced to step down from his elected office."

"This is, in fact, in the public's interest since the public elected him as a public official. We feel we have a good chance to win this. We have no other judicial remedy," he added.

Prior to receiving the letter from Joyce last Friday, Saracino and Bonavita had filed an appeal with John Ritchie, director of employee relations in the office of administrative justice. "It was hoped that a solution could be worked out," Bonavita said.

Initial Attempts Failed

Initial attempts to rectify the situation included a grievance filed with the union's grievance committee, as well as a trip to Boston to meet with Joyce, Bonavita said. All efforts were denied.

"We expected them to be denied. I don't think Mr. Saracino is not being treated fairly. We spent about 90 minutes taking with them and they didn't even tell us why they denied us. No reasons were mentioned. We just got two-word responses - 'request denied' and 'grievance denied'."

Bonavita said he regretted that the situation has reached this point. "We are prepared to fight this in court. I still haven't heard any evidence that the clause should have been in this contract."

Saracino earns \$2,000 a year as a town councilor. He finished second in a three-man race for two Precinct 4 seats on November 5th.

If Saracino is forced to leave his seat, a special election will be held. The town charter calls for a special election if a councilor leaves office within 18 months of the two-year term.

Recent Snowfalls Bring Out Blowers, Shovels



CLIFTON WRIGHT of 60 Meadow Street used his snowblower to clear his driveway of about 4 inches of snow which fell last weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JOE BIGRAS of 901 Main Street, Agawam, doesn't have the luxury of a snowblower so he used his brawn to clear this area last weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Passing PVRTA Bus Driver Spots Fire; Alerts AFD



A PASSING PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY bus driver, Carol Neill, saw smoke coming from the second story of a home at 25 High Street and stopped her bus, ran inside the house, and woke a sleeping woman, according to local resident Joan Chevy, a passenger on the bus. Ms. Neill woke up Agnes Eddy who with her husband, Arthur, owns the home. Sixteen firefighters responded to the blaze which caused between \$2,000 to \$4,000 in smoke damage. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Melconian, Walsh To Address Chamber

State Senator Linda Melconian (D-Springfield) and State Representative Michael Walsh (D-Agawam) will be the guest speakers at the Agawam Chamber of Commerce Annual Legislative Breakfast, Tuesday, February 25th, at Da Vinci's Restaurant.

The breakfast meeting will begin promptly at 7:45 a.m.

There are many critical issues coming up in the next legislative session which will affect the business community, such as liability insurance.

Senator Melconian and Rep. Walsh have been asked to give updates on these issues as well as to enlighten chamber members on the 1986 legislative session.

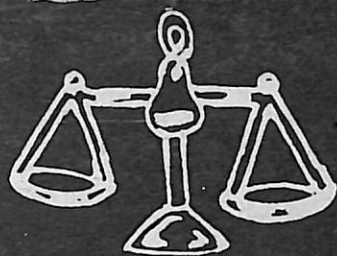
Also, an introduction of new members will be held.



AGAWAM FIREFIGHTER on roof of home at 25 High Street, Monday, February 3rd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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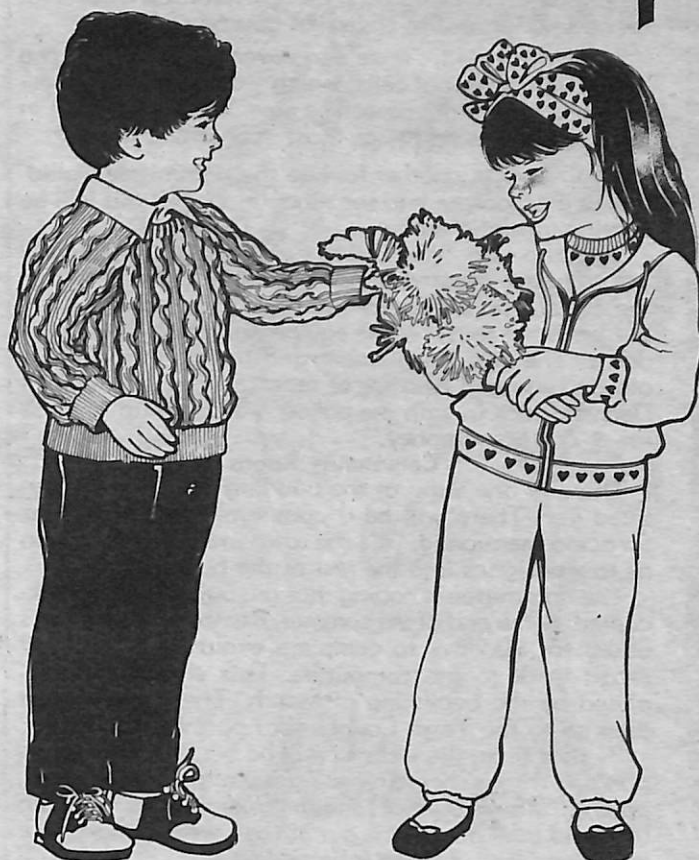
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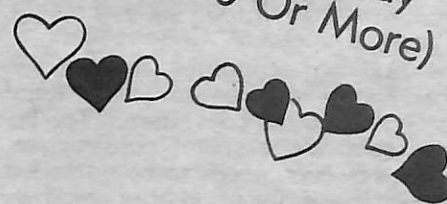
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Peirce Building Project Moving Along

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

The Peirce Building Project is progressing under the direction of the three-member building committee chaired by At-Large Councilor Edward G. Borgatti.

In 1984, the committee was charged with overseeing renovations in the 66-year old building on Springfield Street that was closed by the School Department due to declining enrollment.

According to secretary of the board, Raymond Charest, "since that time areas have been partitioned and dry-walled and new rooms and offices have been set-up." Agawam Police are slated to be relocated to the building from its present Town Hall quarters.

Town Councilor Anthony Saracino, vice-chairman of the committee, said, "We've got to give Ed Borgatti and Ray Charest a lot of credit. They gave much time hammering nails and doing cement work five days a week so this project could get going. They really did a lot of work."

Volunteer Labor Force

The volunteer labor force of Borgatti and Charest saved the town money, according to Saracino. As more extensive renovations became evident, it was necessary to hire an architectural firm to complete the restoration and to satisfy the Town Council.

At the December 11th board meeting, Reinhardt Associates was unanimously selected for that job. Gale Engineering Company, Inc., of Weymouth was the other bidder. "Members felt that working with a local firm would be more practical," Charest said.

When the building committee met in January, Douglas Goodman, a representative from Reinhardt, reported his findings to the committee. "The building is structurally safe. It's a sound construction. The heating system, however, needs to be upgraded. Air-conditioning will be included in that improvement. Engineers are looking at the system now to find the best and least expensive way to modernize it, Goodman told the board.

Goodman also reported that the roof leaks badly and needs to be replaced. Saracino said, "The town has

already appropriated funds for the roof." Because the Peirce Building is a square structure with a courtyard in the middle, according to Charest, "the committee asked Goodman to design and present estimated costs for an additional roof to cover the courtyard."

Saracino added, "If we can cover the courtyard, we can have additional cells, which we need. If we're going to do it, it might as well be now. We have to look at the best way to do things most economically."

A sallyport is another feature the committee would like to incorporate into the renovation, but this will be contingent upon the cost.

Saracino said, "We have to use the space we have so we can save taxpayers money. A lot of things from the current police station at Town Hall can be used, but we have to get some equipment up to 1985 standards. The radio equipment and taping machine are old and in need of a lot of repair. If the town's Civil Defense goes in with the police, we could utilize their tower and save money."

Community Room

There is one wing at the building that hasn't been filled yet. There will be a community room, but, as Saracino mentioned, "It's the town manager's decision as to what goes into the rest of the building."

The committee is hoping that the building will be occupied by the end of the summer. Reinhardt Associates asked for 90 days to complete evaluations and will report back to the committee. This should be completed by the beginning of March. These plans must then go to the Town Council for approval.

By that time, the weather will be better for construction and things should move right along, Saracino said, adding, "I have a lot of faith in the architects. It's a big firm and they have gone out of their way to make sure the committee is being informed."

"I would like to see some organizations in town contact us and have other community committees get involved and help us raise money to help defray the cost."

Town Democrats Plan February 8th Caucus

Robert Guidetti, chairman of the Agawam Democratic Committee today announced a meeting of the committee to elect 14 representatives to the March 8th Senatorial District Conference. These representatives will be joined by local Democratic State Convention delegates in the conference at which one man and one woman from the Second Hampden & Hampshire Senate District will be elected to a two-year term on the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee. The Agawam caucus will be Saturday, February 8th, at the Agawam Public Library, at 1:30 p.m.

The Democratic State Committee is the governing body of the Democratic Party in Massachusetts and is responsible for setting policy and guiding the party between state conventions. In recent years, the state and local parties, working together, have been aggressively strengthening the party at the grassroots, increasing its election related activities.

The members of the State Committee elected on March 8th will join more than 150 other State Committee members and more than 17,000 local Democratic Committee members in planning and carrying out election services for Democrats in the 1986 election.

The meeting is open to all registered Democrats, persons ineligible (children or non-citizen), and media representatives.

There will be no admission or expense charge at the meeting, though donations may be solicited.

Candidates for representative must be present and give his/her written consent to be nominated and that nomination must be seconded by two persons present.

Each candidate will be allowed a two-minute speech and one sheet of paper listing ideas and qualifications.

Discriminations on any basis is strictly prohibited.

Eligible participants must be registered Democrats in their ward/town by December 30th, 1985.

Agawam Republicans Slate Special Delegates Meeting

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold a caucus to elect delegates to the Republican State Convention in April, Monday, February 10th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Town Clerk's conference room in the Agawam Town Hall.

The State Convention will be held in Worcester.

Agawam Republicans To Meet In Special Session

Republicans registered in Agawam will meet in special session, Monday evening, February 10th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Agawam Town Hall Clerk's Conference Room.

This meeting will be for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Republican State Convention to be held April 12th at the Worcester Centrum. There will be 2,993 delegates at the convention.

Each delegate must be a registered Republican and must have been an enrolled Republican in the ward or town he/she was selected by December 31st, 1985.

Agawam can have one delegate plus an added delegate for every 800 votes President Ronald Reagan received in the 1984 election, so Agawam will be selecting eight delegates plus one, as President Reagan received 6,346 votes in the 1984 election in Agawam.

It is mandatory that the Republican Town Committee select its delegates between February 10th and February 15th.

Additional at-large delegates will be selected by open caucus by State Senate districts, one for every 2,500 votes or margin thereof of votes cast for President Reagan in 1984.

All Republicans living within the district are eligible to vote if they were registered Republicans by December 31st, 1985.

At-large delegates shall be elected on March 1st throughout the state by caucus to be run by a caucus chairman to be selected by the state chairman.

Registered and interested Republicans are urged to attend the February 10th meeting.

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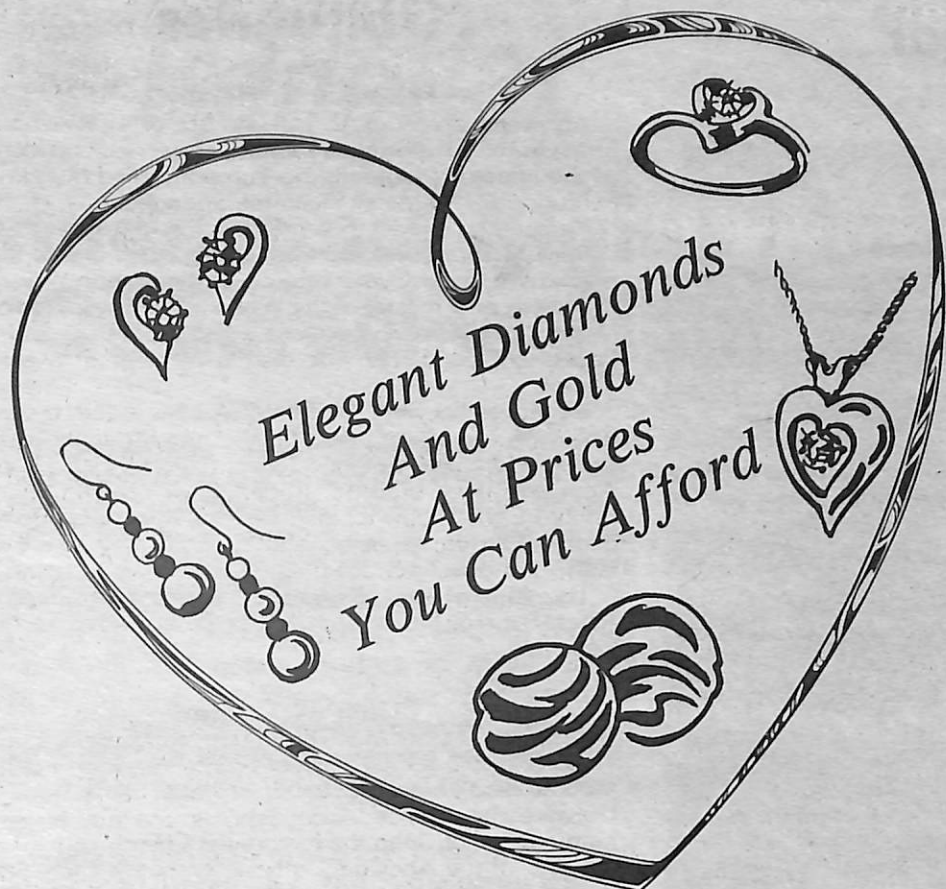
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DAN TETREAULT used a sitdown snow blower to remove last weekend's snowfall from the driveway at the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Another Route 57 Accident Claims Life

by Dale Fiske - Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Another fatal accident on Route 57 took the life of Michael Casiello of 25 South Loomis Street, Southwick, Thursday morning, January 30th, when his car was struck by a pick-up truck driven by Steven Bailey of 65 South Street, Agawam.

Investigating Agawam Police Officer Peter Bertera reported that the 33 year-old Casiello was dead at the scene. Surviving the accident were Casiello's wife, Roxanne, and their three year-old son, Thomas. They were admitted to Springfield Hospital with head and arm injuries.

In the 6:52 a.m. accident, Bailey's truck skidded into the oncoming car when his vehicle hit ice covering the lane. Bailey, 25, was shook up but was not injured.

According to Agawam Police Sergeant Alfred Longhi, "that stretch of road is always icy when we have cold weather like we've had. People should be prepared for the bad conditions."

"On that section of Route 57, known as Southwick Mountain, there is a spring that runs across the road. When it's cold, it freezes and as more water runs over

it, it also freezes and causes an icy build-up," Longhi told us.

This is the second fatal accident in Agawam since the new year began. Both have occurred on Route 57. In the last six years, there have been 967 accidents on Route 57, nine of them were fatalities, according to figures provided by Longhi.

The accident is still under investigation.

Longhi said, "Route 57 handles a lot of traffic. The Route 57 by-pass is needed badly. It will take the heavy traffic off Mill Street, Springfield Street and Southwick Street."

In a study that Longhi did from July 1st, 1982 to July 1st, 1983, he found there were 624 accidents in Agawam, 187 of them were on Route 57 from Mill Street to the Southwick line. This figure represents 30 percent of all accidents during that year.

Sergeant Longhi added, "The majority of accidents happen after the existing by-pass when the road narrows to two lanes."

Our NEW municipal writer, DALE FISKE, is another reason why townsfolk turn our pages every week for all the hometown news!

Obituaries

Frederick C. Hersey

Agawam: Frederick C. Hersey, 55, of 49 Maynard Street in the Feeding Hills section, owner and president of the Impala Manufacturing Company, died Monday, February 3rd, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

Hersey had owned the company for 16 years.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam all his life and was a Coast Guard veteran of the Korean War.

He was past master of the William Whiting Lodge of Masons, Holyoke, and was the worshipful trustee of its Permanent Fund. He was also a member of Melha Temple.

He leaves his wife, the former Audrey Adair; a son, Robin of Agawam; a daughter, Linda Kraus of West Springfield; his mother, Janet (Guest) Hersey of Agawam; three brothers, Robert F. of Feeding Hills, Ronald E. of Southwick and Charles R. of West Palm Beach, Florida; a sister, Shirley Carson of Feeding Hills; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was Wednesday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Esther M. Carney

Agawam: Esther M. "Terry" (LaFleur) Carney of 68 Peros Drive, a retired cashier at the Agawam Public Market, died Thursday, January 30th, at home. Born in Holyoke she attended local schools. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and member of the Agawam Catholic Woman's Club. She retired in 1984. She leaves her husband, Robert B. Carney; a son, Paul D. of Phoenix, Arizona; a daughter, Kathleen Bosquet of Agawam; three sisters, Dora Delaronde of Holyoke, Bella Colty of Chicopee, and Doris Hall of Norman, Oklahoma; and four grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday at Tazzini Funeral Home, Springfield, and in the church with burial in St. Michael's cemetery, Springfield. Donations may be made to the church building fund.

Alice Mastroianni

Agawam: Alice (Serventi) Mastroianni, 74, of 31 Meadowbrook Manor, retired owner and operator of an Otis grocery and meat store, died Thursday, January 30th, at home after a long illness.

Born in North Agawam, she operated the store from 1959 to the late 1970s.

Her husband, Andrew J. Mastroianni, died in 1974. She leaves a relative, Olga Davio of Agawam.

The private funeral was at Stevens & Finnerty Funeral Home, Great Barrington, with burial in the spring in Otis Cemetery.

Michael G. Casiello

Southwick: Michael G. Casiello, 33, of 25 South Loomis Road, died Thursday, January 30th, of injuries he received when a pickup truck slid on ice and crushed into his car on Southwick Street in Agawam. Born in Hartford, he had lived in Agawam and was a 1970 graduate of Agawam High School. He had lived in Southwick six years. He worked as a quality control supervisor at the Buxton Company, Agawam, for 12 years. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He leaves his wife, the former Roxanne Espinda; a son, Thomas G.; a daughter, Lana M., both at home; his parents, George T. and Mary (Olihan) Casiello, and his grandfather, Thomas L. Casiello, all of Agawam. His grandmother, Amelia V. (Gatto) Casiello, died January 13th. The funeral was Saturday morning at the Colonial Funeral Home, Agawam, and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

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Editorial

Individual Rights Main Theme Of Saracino Fight With State

"The Sacred Rights of Man are not to be rummaged from among old parchments or musty records. They are written as with a sunbeam in the whole volume of human nature by the hand of Divinity itself, and can never be erased by mortal power" - Alexander Hamilton.

While one of our greatest founding fathers certainly had other matters in mind rather than the one now facing Agawam Precinct 4 Town Councilor Anthony Saracino, the issue of individual rights, spoken so eloquently by Hamilton, comes to fruition in Saracino's case.

Only sworn-into office last month, Saracino is being forced by the Commonwealth - specifically the court officer's services, to either take a leave of absence from his job as a Hampshire County court officer or step-down from his council seat, effective February 12th (this Wednesday).

Notwithstanding a state law amended in 1980 and enacted by the legislature, Saracino is being ordered off the council or to leave his job. In its wisdom, the Legislature allows state employees to hold office and receive compensation if they do not vote on matters which affect the agency they work for.

The edict from the state agency is based on Saracino's union contract which prohibits him from elective office. The union contract was officially ratified July 1st, 1984.

That's four years after the state's amended law was passed.

There are several interesting points to make. First, can a clause in a union contract supercede state law? How can Saracino's job as a Hampshire court officer possibly be in conflict with his elected position as an Agawam Town Councilor? Since when does a union negotiate a contract that will prohibit its membership from exercising a constitutional right?

On the first two counts, the answer is clearly no way. As for the union, it seems that simply collecting dues and receiving paychecks for its officers are more important

matters than protecting the rights of its membership.

We are not surprised that the state's court officer's services has ruled against Saracino - what a mess they'd be in if Saracino was allowed to continue; obviously, any other posture by minor officials in Boston has statewide ramifications as many others in Saracino's position would be affected as well.

They too, should be up-in-arms over this and have the courage to fight, as displayed by Saracino.

Minor officials have clearly overstepped their bounds.

They wave a clause of a contract in an individual's face rather than owning-up to their ineptitude.

The fact remains that individual rights, the very basis of our Democracy, are again being tested by some minor government officials. The individual has a right to run for public office in this country. The state in 1980 amended its law and rectified an injustice. The state said as long as no conflict of interest exists, state workers can run for city and town offices. That's only right. It protects the public good and individual rights.

And who are these minor officials who can judge who can and cannot run for public office. What's their reasoning based on and from what piece of parchment? A union contract?

Many other state workers hold public offices, including in Agawam. Obviously, these individuals have a wiser union than Saracino.

Mr. Hamilton's remarks about old parchments are very germane to this issue.

We believe Saracino and his attorney, Anthony C. Bonavita have a solid case. The conflict of interest issue holds no water; the clause in the union contract as Mr. Hamilton would say, is a musty record.

We look to the courts of the Commonwealth to correct this obvious and blatant infringement that all of us should enjoy - Democracy for the individual.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE!!!

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, February 18, 1986 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Western Mass. Electric Company dated January 29, 1986 for permission to: relocate pole in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1986.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8 - 10 a.m. tel. no. 733-9930.

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Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council
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The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 3, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on a petition of the Agawam Planning Board to amend the following sections of the AGAWAM ZONING ORDINANCES:

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Junior High School
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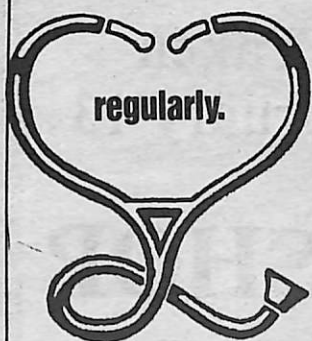
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Agawam High Class Of 1936 Plans For 50th Reunion

Members of the Agawam High School Class of 1936 met recently to plan for a 50th class reunion.

A preliminary reminder card was sent to each member of the class in July 1985. An informative letter and questionnaire form will be sent out this month in an effort to compile information for the souvenir booklet which will be given to each class member.

The event is scheduled to be held Saturday, June 7th, 1986, at DaVinci's Regency Room, Feeding Hills.

The committee would appreciate help in locating David (Bear) Grimaldi or (Grinnell), and June & Aaron Whitlock. Anyone having any information should please contact any of the committee which is composed of James Devecchi, chairman; Vincent Gallerani, Madeline (Conte) Gibson, Ethel (Smith) Gibson, Catherine (Shaer) Keefe, Doris (Rouillard) Cathepaugh, Anna (Massa) Schneider, and Carolyn (D'Amato) Capitanio.

Sacred Heart Church Sponsors Card Party

Plan your fun evening now. The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a card party, Thursday, February 20th, at the Parish Center at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and many door prizes will be given away. Proceeds will be used for scholarships to seniors of the CCD program who are planning to continue their education.

The donation is only \$2 for a most enjoyable evening.

Airman Alan Mazza Completes Basic Training

Airman Alan A. Mazza, son of Richard A. & Susan J. Mazza of 157 Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The airman, who is remaining at Lackland for specialized training in the security police field, studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special instruction in human relations.

Completion of this training earned the individual credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School.

Private Scott Greenough Completes Army Course

Army Private Scott C. Greenough, son of Mr. & Mrs. Clark A. Greenough of 142 Silver Street, Agawam, has completed an Army motor transport operator course at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

During the course, students were trained in the operation and maintenance of military vehicles of less than four and one-half tons rated capacity. Instruction was also given in the transportation of personnel, equipment, and supplies.

His wife, Kristen, is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Farr of 61 Carroll Drive, Westfield.

He is a 1983 graduate of Agawam High School.

Lions, Local Clubs Kickoff Friends Drive

Albert Taupier, president of the Agawam Lions Club, presented Richard Brindle, president of the Captain Charles Leonard House, with a check to start the Annual Friends of the Leonard House Campaign conducted during the month of February.

Each year, the Agawam Lions Club has given generously to assist the Leonard House Trustees with funds to keep the property in good repair. Brindle expressed grateful thanks to Taupier and to all members of the Agawam Lions for their continued support of the Leonard House.

Brindle stated that many improvements to the building and property have been made possible by the Lions Club, the Agawam Polish American Club, the Agawam Rotary Club, the Agawam UNICO, and the Agawam Women's Club.

During the past summer months, the entire exterior of the house was painted, including all window shutters; the kitchen and second floor apartment were renovated; the cracked plaster ceiling in the main hallway was replaced; and the Pine Room floor was refinished.

He also said that many civic minded individuals and businessmen have assisted the trustees to keep the property as an attractive Community House for the Town of Agawam for over 45 years.

Invitations will be sent to present Friends of the Leonard House requesting renewal of membership for the year 1986. Donations of any amount are gladly accepted and welcomed.

Friends memberships are open to all individuals or organizations who are interested in helping the trustees to maintain the beautiful, historic meeting place in Agawam. Gifts and donations should be made to the Captain Charles Leonard House and mailed to: 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

All Agawam residents and civic organizations are encouraged to accept the invitation to become Friends of the Captain Charles Leonard House during the month of February.

Junior Women's Club Sponsors Valentine's Dance

Tickets are available for the Valentine's Day dance, Saturday, February 8th at the Polish American Club, Feeding Hills. The dance, which is sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, will feature the popular disc jockey Al Varelas with four hours of non-stop music and entertainment.

Doors will open at 8:00 p.m., with music from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

To obtain tickets, contact chairwoman Faith Hyland, 786-9613, or any club member. Tickets will also be available at the door. Ticket price is \$5 per person.

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Jerilyn Rose Dow Engaged To Peter M. Beauregard

Mr. & Mrs. Walter H. Dow of Wilbraham announce the engagement of their daughter, Jerilyn Rose, to Peter M. Beauregard, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Beauregard of Agawam.

Miss Dow has a B.A. from Mount Holyoke College and a master's degree in choral conducting from New England Conservatory of Music.

She is currently employed in the marketing department of Gas Turbine Corporation, East Granby, Connecticut, and is pursuing a master's degree in business at Western New England College.

Beauregard graduated a valedictorian of R. L. Putnam Vocational Technical High School. Formerly in the U.S. Marine Corps, he attended Springfield Technical Community College and the University of Lowell for electrical engineering.

He is currently employed by the Springfield School System, teaching electronics at R. L. Putnam Vocational Technical High School. He also owns and operates AAMTEK, an electronics repair service.

Technical High Class Of 1961 Plans 25th Reunion

Members of Springfield Tech High Class of 1961; we're looking for you!

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Best Hometown News

Cabrals Celebrate 60th Anniversary



ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 31st, Jesse & Christine Cabral of 25 Meadowbrook Manor in Agawam celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1926 in Provincetown. They have three children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. In photo at right, State Representative Michael P. Walsh presents a state citation to the happy couple. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

A Carnation For The Lady!

On Valentine's Day At J.W. Wimpy's, Friday, February 14th, Owner And Operator Ernie Lombardi Will Continue His Long-Standing Tradition Of Presenting All Of His Lady Patrons With A Free Carnation. J.W. Wimpy's Says Happy Valentine's Day With Carnations. Why Not Enjoy Its Hospitality For Lunch Or Dinner On This Very Special Day.



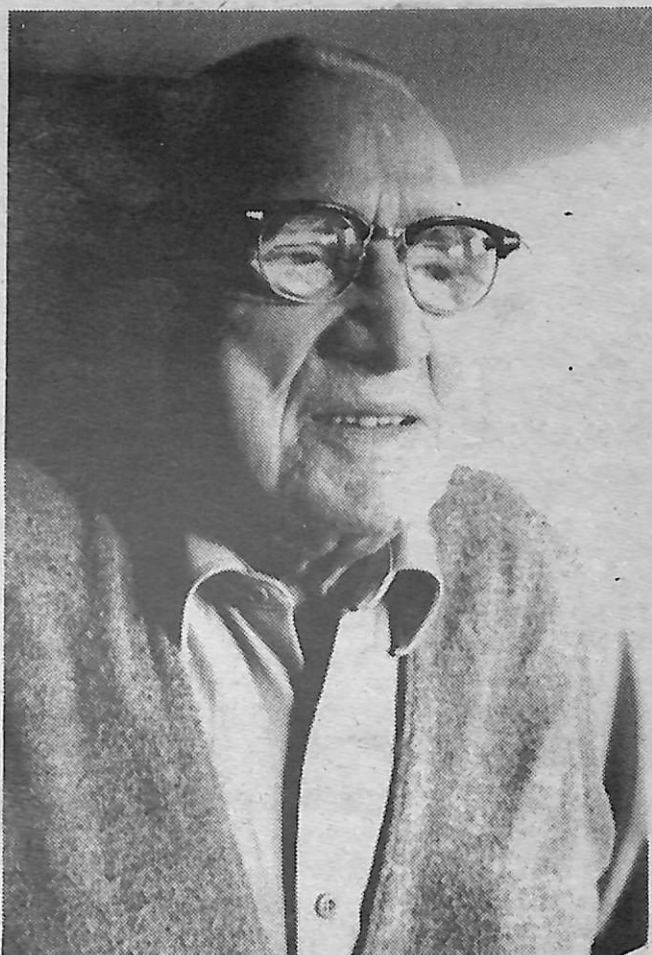
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HAROLD CHANNELL, Meadowbrook Manor resident. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Order Of Golden Rule Again Accepts Colonial Fun.

The International Order of the Golden Rule has announced that Colonial Funeral Home in Agawam is beginning its second consecutive year with the Order. They were again chosen to be part of the Order's association of reputable funeral homes throughout the United States and Canada.

To make its membership possible, Colonial Funeral Home had to receive written recommendations from local residents, clergy, and other area funeral directors.

Only those funeral homes that meet strict professional standards of service to their respective communities are allowed to join the Order of the Golden Rule, which now has over 1,400 members.

Executive Director of the Order, Dale L. Rollings, said, "Colonial Funeral Home has continually shown the utmost degree of compassion and professionalism to this community. Our membership has never been for sale. It has been earned through performance."

Recently, we paid a visit to Harold Channell, a spry, always neatly-dressed nonagenarian who lives at Meadowbrook Manor. He was born in Springfield 90 years ago last December.

When he was five, his father purchased the old "Riley Farm" on River Road in Agawam where Harold and his three younger brothers grew up. He started school in the old Chestnut Street School and continued through the Grammar School.

Later for two winters, he went to Bay Path Institute in Springfield, then located at Main and Fort Streets. All through his school years he worked for his father on the farm and helped with the trucking business which his father also operated.

Harold recalls that his father had the first five-ton truck in the area and one of Harold's jobs was hauling for the old Agawam Gin Mill. Five times a week the mill shipped 500 pounds of yeast to Boston.

It was in boxes, packed in ice, and put on the 11:00 a.m. train, to be delivered within two hours to a very large bakery there. Local folks also purchased the yeast which they peddled to outlying farm families to use in their baking.

Another Gin Mill by-product which Harold was reluctant to talk about, was the liquid "swill," a highly nutritious item of mostly corn, malt and rye much in demand by local farmers as a feed supplement. It was theirs for the taking and they were glad to get it.

A Doughboy In World War I

Despite his business school education, Harold much preferred to be outdoors and at the wheel of the truck. He delivered gas for Gulf Refining Company and then he worked at Westinghouse in Chicopee Falls. From there, he was drafted for services in World War I, training at Fort Devens. He was sent overseas in 1918 as a member of the 76th Division, 301st Ammunition Train from Devens; first to England, then to Cherbourg, and then on to various small towns in Central France.

His outfit was finally on a 20-mile forced march to the front (on combat rations, he recalls), when the war ended. His outfit was broken up and he became an acting sergeant attached to the Grand Army Garage in Paris. He was there several months before returning home in August 1919. Those months in Paris bring expressions of fond remembrance to Harold's face.

After returning home, he went back to the farm to help his father; worked at Smith & Wesson for a time; and later worked for several years driving a delivery truck for Flint & Brickett, Springfield furniture dealers.

In the early 1920's, Harold built a house on the corner of his father's farm where he lived with his bride, the former May Stiltz, until her death in the early 1960's.

1936 And 1938 Remembered

The 1936 Flood was a nightmare for the Channells with the river coming right into the old farmhouse and barn, and up to the first floor of Harold's home. They struggled to save their livestock; some of the animals were moved to Silver Street to be cared for. One of the unexpected results of that flood was the prodigious production of their 1,000 raspberry plants the following summer, a result of the silt deposited around them. There were so many berries ripening so rapidly, the Channells felt fortunate to be able to sell them to Rood & Woodbury's Market for seven cents a quart; barely covering the expense of picking and shipping.

The 1936 Flood has other strong memories for Harold. Because he had to stay on the Agawam side of the river to help cope with the problems at the farm, the new manager at Flint & Brickett's fired him!

The 1938 Hurricane is remembered mostly because there was no insurance coverage for the damage to their buildings.

At the time, the Memorial Tower was being built on Mt. Greylock in Adams. Harold started work for the builders, J. G. Roy Company, Construction Division. Later, he worked for the Lumber Company and remained with J. G. Roy until his retirement 20 years ago.

Marries Childhood Sweetheart

Recalling the parties, sleigh rides, picnics, etc., he enjoyed as a schoolboy and young man is easy for Harold. His favorite companion during those years was the blacksmith's daughter, Bertha Campbell. However, "Uncle Sam" sent Harold to France and Bertha married someone else.

Later in the mid-1960's, when both were widowed, the paths of the childhood sweethearts happened to cross again and this time wedding bells rang for them. They lived in his home on River Road until moving to Meadowbrook in 1977. Bertha's health failed about two years ago and she is now in a nursing home. Harold visits her as often as he can.

Keeping busy is Harold's motto. He is a regular visitor at the Agawam Senior Center where he enjoys playing pool or watching others play. He is one of the best patrons of the Senior Center Library; he very much enjoys all kinds of reading. He is a great sports fan, and is especially interested in baseball and football which he enjoys on TV.

It's a small world - during my visit with Harold, we discovered that we both went to Bay State Institute and J. G. Roy Company had employed each of us, but not at the same time.

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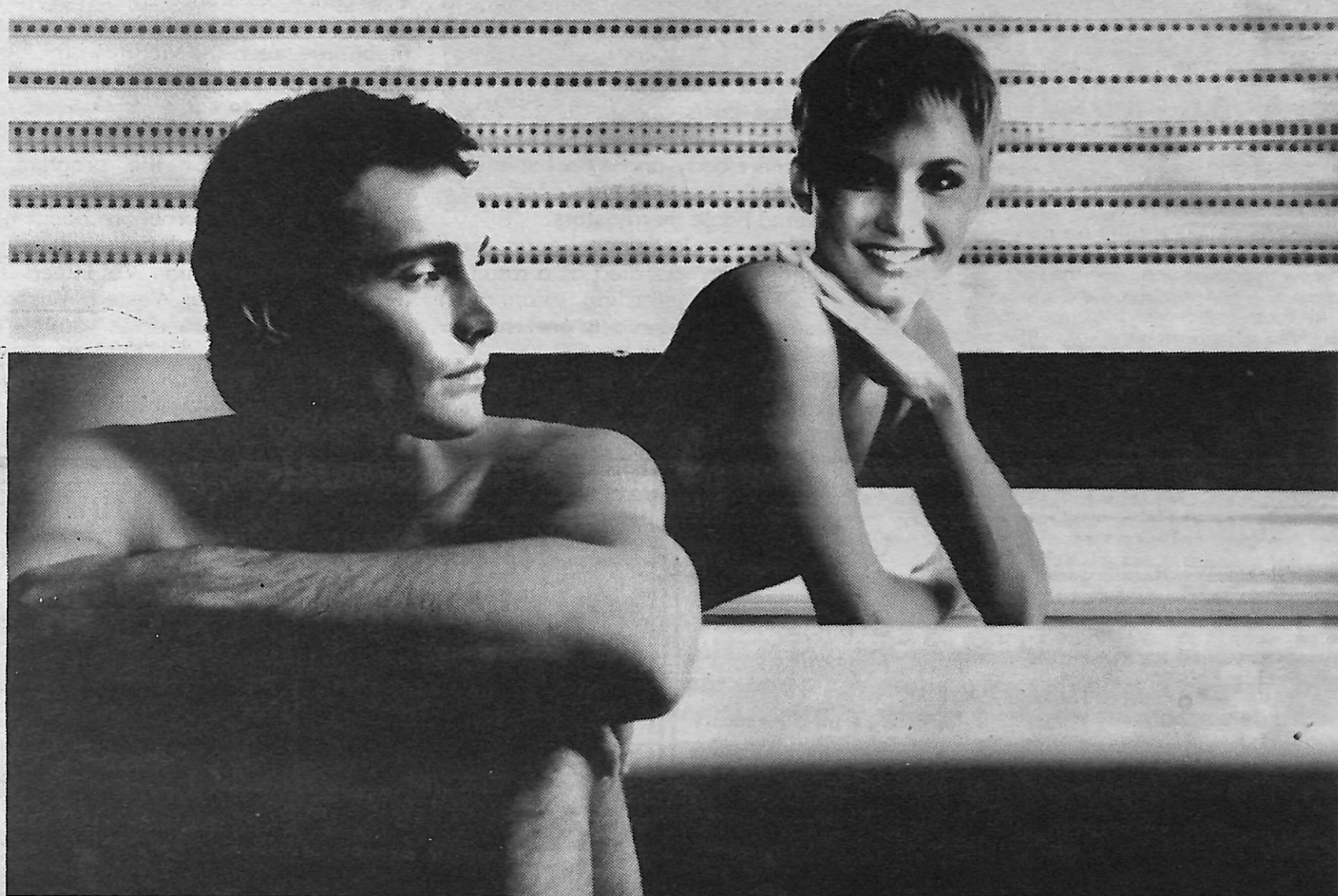
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Irish Dance To Benefit Handicap Ramp Project

An Irish dance to benefit a handicap ramp project is being planned at the Immaculate Conception School, Saturday, February 15th, on Main Street, West Springfield.

An Irish dance featuring the well-known "Shamrocks of Kerry" and the McDermott School of Dancers will be held in the Immaculate Conception School Hall at 8:00 p.m. The Shamrocks will furnish the music for popular dancing, as well as traditional Irish dancing.

Members of the McDermott School of Dance will perform at 8:30 p.m., and will be available to teach Irish dances during the evening. Food and drink will be available.

The Immaculate Conception Handicap Ramp Committee, established by Marge Baker, is well on its way to reaching its goal to build a ramp accessible at the entrance of the church. This ramp will provide a "handy" access for people of special needs, eliminating the use of stairs, which is a barrier for some.

The purpose of this benefit dance is to speed-up the raising of funds to reach the Handicap Ramp Project's goal.

Chairmen (and also McDermott Irish dancers) of this event are Cathy Patruski, Mary Fahey, Gert Davignon, and Eileen McMahon.

Other committee members are Richie Patruski, Mary Liquori, John & Jane Markowsky, Pete & Ginny Rear-don, Katherine Monko, John Barker, Tom Fahey, Mike & Fran Nigro, Tom & Mary Leahy, Theresa Cavaliero, Lynn Polansky, Bill Pattison, and Josie O'Brien.

Tickets will be available at the door.

Second Lt. Frederick Abbott Graduates USAF Course

Second Lieutenant Frederick H. Abbott II, son of Frederick H. & Shirley E. Abbott of East Princeton, Massachusetts, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance officer course at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois.

During the course, students were taught principles and concepts of management for supervision of aircraft maintenance activities through the Community College of the Air Force.

Abbott is scheduled to serve with the 437th Military Airlift Wing at Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina.

His wife, Air Force 2nd Lieutenant Kathryn E. Abbott, is the daughter of Gerald T. & Judy A. Potter of 82 Oak Lane, Feeding Hills.

The lieutenant is a 1985 graduate of Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont.

Agawam High Class of 1961 Plans Reunion Meeting

The Agawam High School Class of 1961 will hold another reunion committee meeting, Tuesday, February 11th, at Da Vinci's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, at 7:30 p.m.

All classmates are invited to attend. The gala 25th reunion will be held on June 28th.

News, Activities At Agawam Senior Center

Date Change for Creative Sewing Class. Starting Tuesday, February 18th, the class will meet on Tuesdays (instead of Mondays) at the Senior Center, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Medicare: January 1st to March 31st is the general enrollment period for Medicare. If you are over age 65 and 3 months, and do not have Medicare and/or are not covered by your present employer's health insurance, you may file for the coverage you do not have. Coverage will begin July 1st, 1986.

Medicare Deductibles for 1986: \$492 of total hospital charges for the first 60 days; \$123 per day for the 61st through 90th day; \$246 per day for the 60 "reserve" days; \$0 per day for the first 20 days in a skilled nursing facility.

The Senior Center is seeking retired nurses or LPNs to assist at the center for a couple of hours a month. See Ginny Hennessey or call 786-0400, extension 242.

Hats On For Warmth!

David Clouse of Northeast Utilities came to the Senior Center, January 30th, to explain and inform those present of the dangers of **hypothermia** (low body temperature). Since the oil shortage crisis about 10 years ago, hypothermia has become a real problem, particularly for the elderly and also for infants because of their lower body resistance coupled with lowered home thermostats.

Across the country last year, figures show that thousands of seniors died as a result of hypothermia. This is startling information especially since **hypothermia is preventable**. The secret is to **stay warm**.

Northeast Utilities has adopted the slogan "Hats On For Warmth" to emphasize the fact

that more than one-half of one's body heat escapes through one's head. If your hands and/or feet are cold, put on a hat! It may sound strange but it makes sense. A snug, warm hat becomes insulation for your head.

Dress warmly during the day; sleep warmly at night. Our forebears may not have been familiar with the term "insulation," but they very sensibly wore nightcaps to keep warm. Layers of loose clothing retain body heat better than one heavy layer.

Eat nutritious meals. If you need a "warmer-upper," drink hot tea (no alcoholic beverages). Wear pants rather than skirts and dresses; wear comfortable shoes and keep layered clothes dry. Dampness steals body heat.

Be alert for signs of hypothermia in others, such as sudden changes in behavior or appearance. Symptoms include shivering, confusion, difficulty in speaking, a puffy face.

If hypothermia is suspected, send for emergency assistance at once. Hypothermia should be treated only in a hospital. In the meantime, keep the victim warm, being sure that the head and neck are covered. **Do not give anything to eat or drink.**

A Hat For Everyone

At the close of the program, Clouse presented each person with a nice, knitted woolen cap and a brochure about hypothermia. The caps were all hand-knit by members of the Retired Senior Volunteers Program (R.S.V.P.) in the four Western Massachusetts counties. NU furnished the yarn for the knitters and more than a 1,000 hats were knitted for the "Hats On For Warmth" program of NU. Thank you, NU and R.S.V.P.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, February 7th
Musical Variety Program
Arts & Humanities Council
Agawam Congregational Church
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 7th
Democratic Caucus
Agawam Public Library
2:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 8th
Valentine's Dance
Junior Women's Club
Polish Club - Feeding Hills
8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 15th
Little League Fundraising Dance
Polish American Club - Feeding Hills
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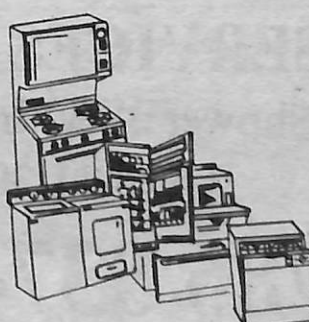
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Professional Enrichment Subject Of Feb. 13 Seminar

Professional and personal life enrichment will be the subject of a seminar entitled, "How to Get a Bigger Bite Out of Life: Selling Yourself," Thursday, February 13th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Sheraton Inn—Springfield West.

Sponsored by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Women's Division, the seminar will be presented by Richard P. Curran, founder and president of Curran Associates, a Madison, Connecticut based firm dedicated to professional sales development and motivation.

According to program chairman Cathy-Ann Paige of Manpower Inc., the program will help participants gain a better understanding of themselves and reach their on-the-job potential. Useful to managers and non-managers alike, the session will focus on ways to motivate oneself as well as staff members.

Topics will include "How to Master Your Own Creativity," "Selling and the Customer," "How to Script Your Own Success," and "How to Overcome Fear with Selling Yourself."

Ms. Curran is a consultant to many organizations in the Northeast, and his clients have included the United Way, Boy Scouts of America, and many banks, insurance companies, and manufacturing corporations. For more than 18 years Curran worked for the 3-M Company, where he established the 3-M East Coast Training Center.

For reservation information, contact the Chamber office by Monday, February 10th.

All proceeds will benefit the Women's Division Scholarship Fund.

Granville Quilt Guild Slates February 18th Meeting

The Granville Quilt and Needlework Guild will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 18th, at the Granville Federated Church Fellowship Hall, Route 189.

The February and March meeting programs will consist of many mini-workshops for members to choose from. Among the courses offered will be basketweaving, scrap bag dolls, miniature "house" patchwork, stenciling, doily hat potpourri, applique hearts, and charm quilts. Members will be contacted by phone to determine their course choices and materials to bring.

Guild members meet every Wednesday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Granville Firehouse. This winter the group is making baby quilts and wall-hanging for the Shriners Hospital. All those interested are welcome to participate.



AGAWAM POSTMASTER LILIAN GILES is about to weigh the first postal package at Smith Drugs on Suffield Street, Agawam. Smith Drugs is now a full service Postal Contract station. Employees in photo are Patricia Gagnon (left) and Michelle Rolland (right). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SMITH DRUG EMPLOYEES MICHELLE ROLLAND (left) and **PATRICIA GAGNON** (right) are shown the proper way to weigh a package at the store, which is now a Postal Contract station by Agawam Postmaster Lilian Giles.



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JOHN J. MCNALLY, JR., Small Business Administration district director chats with **Joseph D. LoBello,** executive vice-president of Bank of New England - West, about the bank's SBA loan program. (SEE STORY ON PAGE 14)

David Kunasek Named Salesman Of Year

Joseph Buchonis, manager of the West Springfield office of the Prudential Insurance Company, has announced that David Kunasek of Feeding Hills was awarded "The 1985 Salesperson of the Year" Award.

Kunasek's sale production exceeded the \$4 million mark.

Kunasek and his wife, Louise will be attending the company's conference to be held in Washington D.C., early in July.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Kunasek has achieved this honor.

In doing so, he has also qualified for the National Sales Achievement Award and National Quality

Awards. This total production ranked him in the top two percent of the insurance industry nationally.



POPULAR FEEDING HILLS BARBER Frank Rescigno (right) has welcomed his nephew, Gary Rescigno, to his Hastings Street Collegian Court of Hair Styling staff. Gary is available by appointment and welcomes walk-ins. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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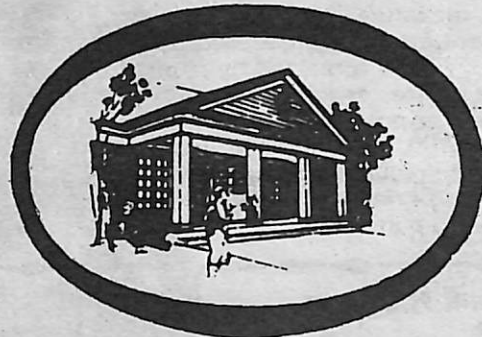
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THE LEWIS & ARNOLD GANG at the Federal Hill Club: Standing, from left - Fred Muzzy, Barbara Skiba, Mary DelNegro, Marty & Carl Richter, and Shirley & Stu Kibbe. Seated - John Kokofski, Richard & Aprille Soderman, Don & Phyllis Hour, John & Michelle Bennett, and Diane Kokofsky. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bank Of New England-West "Preferred Lender" of SBA

Joseph D. LoBello, executive vice president of Bank of New England-West, announced today that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has awarded "Preferred Lender" status to the bank.

Bank of New England-West is the only Western Massachusetts bank to receive the "Preferred Lender Program" designation and one of only three banks in the state so designated. There are only 91 banks across the United States designated by SBA as "Preferred Lenders."

"Preferred Lenders" are authorized to guarantee qualifying small business loans without sending the application package to the SBA. The program eliminates waiting for an SBA decision and streamlines the loan process for small business owners. The lenders perform almost all servicing and liquidation actions, including determining eligibility and credit worthiness, loan size, structure, collection, and liquidation, without referring to the SBA.

John J. McNally, Jr., SBA's Massachusetts District director, said, "The banks we've designated as 'Preferred Lenders' are the cream of the crop. We only award this status to lenders who have demonstrated their commitment to the small business market and the ability to effectively serve that market. Bank of New England-West has been an excellent producer in the SBA 'Certified Lender's Program' with a superior performance in all measurement criteria used to evaluate participants in that lending program."

"This bank has a reputation with us for well prepared loan packages, complete and accurate, with superior analysis. Bank of New England-West has participated in the SBA's 'Certified Lender Program' since 1978."

"We view the 'Preferred Lender Program' designation as a feather in our cap and an important vehicle to assist us in continuing to provide small business owners with the financial services they need in the most up-to-date and expedient manner," LoBello said.

"As the only 'Preferred Lender' bank in Western Massachusetts, we are very pleased to receive this prestigious award. With our staff of over 20 SBA certified lenders throughout Western Mass, this designation will enhance our tradition commitment to the small business owners in the Western Mass region," he added.

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Senator Linda Melconian Highlights Elderly Issues

Senator Linda Melconian (D-Springfield) has graciously accepted an invitation to speak with Heritage Hall residents on topics affecting the elderly today. In the first part of the series, she will discuss her role in the Senate.

Other topics of future discussions will cover issues that have a major impact on senior citizens. Senator Melconian has been very active and supportive in advocating for the elderly. Residents are looking forward to speaking with Senator Melconian in future informative series.

Ted Crowley Man Of Many Talents

In 1962, Ted Crowley, artist and instructor, received a letter of commendation from former president Nixon for his work with the elderly. This recognition, and a genuine concern, prompted Crowley to sell his successful business and devote his time and talents to teaching the elderly full-time.

Presently, Crowley is conducting oil painting classes at Heritage Hall's North, South, and West buildings. He hopes to start classes in East building in the near future. When asked about his reasons for working with the elderly, he replied, "I've learned to respect their accomplishments. Besides, they're fun to work with."

Crowley teaches painting of all mediums (oil, watercolor, acrylics) for the Bureau of Adult Education in Springfield and the Home Information Center in East Longmeadow. He also conducts oil painting classes in nine other nursing homes. In addition to his teaching, Crowley has also developed adaptive equipment for the physically impaired artist.

Married and the father of five, Crowley is truly a man of many talents.

Resident's Art Display

During a Valentine Brunch hosted by the West

Building Activity Department, Sunday, February 9th, there will be an art display of oil paintings recently finished by the residents under the direction of instructor Ted Crowley. North and South buildings will also display their residents' art work Valentine's Day.

Resident Of The Week: Florence Way

"I feel like I'm 21," replied Florence Way of Heritage Hall's South building. Florence came from a family of five and lived in the Springfield area for most of her life.

Ms. Way retired after 35 years of employment with the William Carter Company. Because of her energetic personality, her great sense of humor, and insatiable quest for knowledge, she remains actively involved in Heritage Hall's educational programs.

In addition to her involvement in the educational programs, Ms. Way spends her leisure time sewing, watching movies, and enjoying life in general.

Her other accomplishments include a membership in the Holy Rosary Society, Mount Carmel Church, and other church functions.

Congratulations Florence. Remember: You are only as old as you want to be.

Residents Sneak A Peek At Summer

Band music played in the background as residents enjoyed a taste of summer at an All-American Buffet of hamburgers, hot dogs, and beans. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Residents Go Italian

Red checkered tablecloths, Italian flags and streamers of red, white, and gold decorated the West building as residents celebrated with an Italian buffet.

To complete the Italian gala, the residents were wooed by the melodious voice of Tom Bilodeau as he played traditional Italian melodies on his accordion.



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME RESIDENT Florence Way is this week's featured resident. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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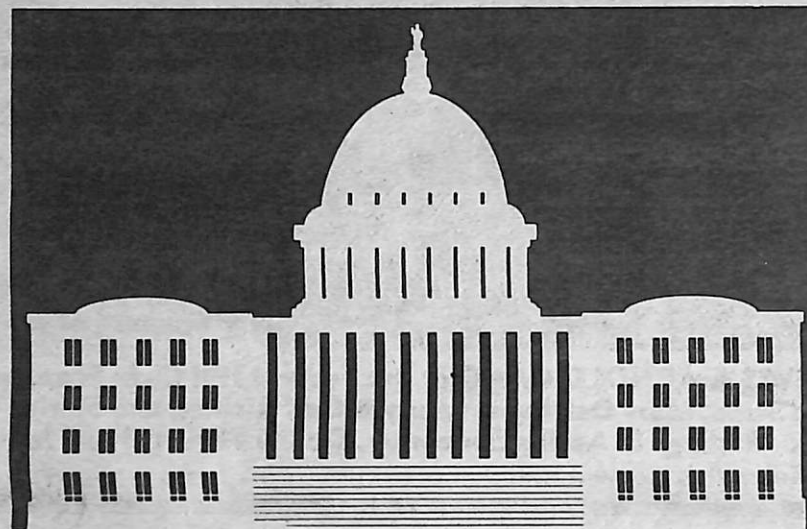
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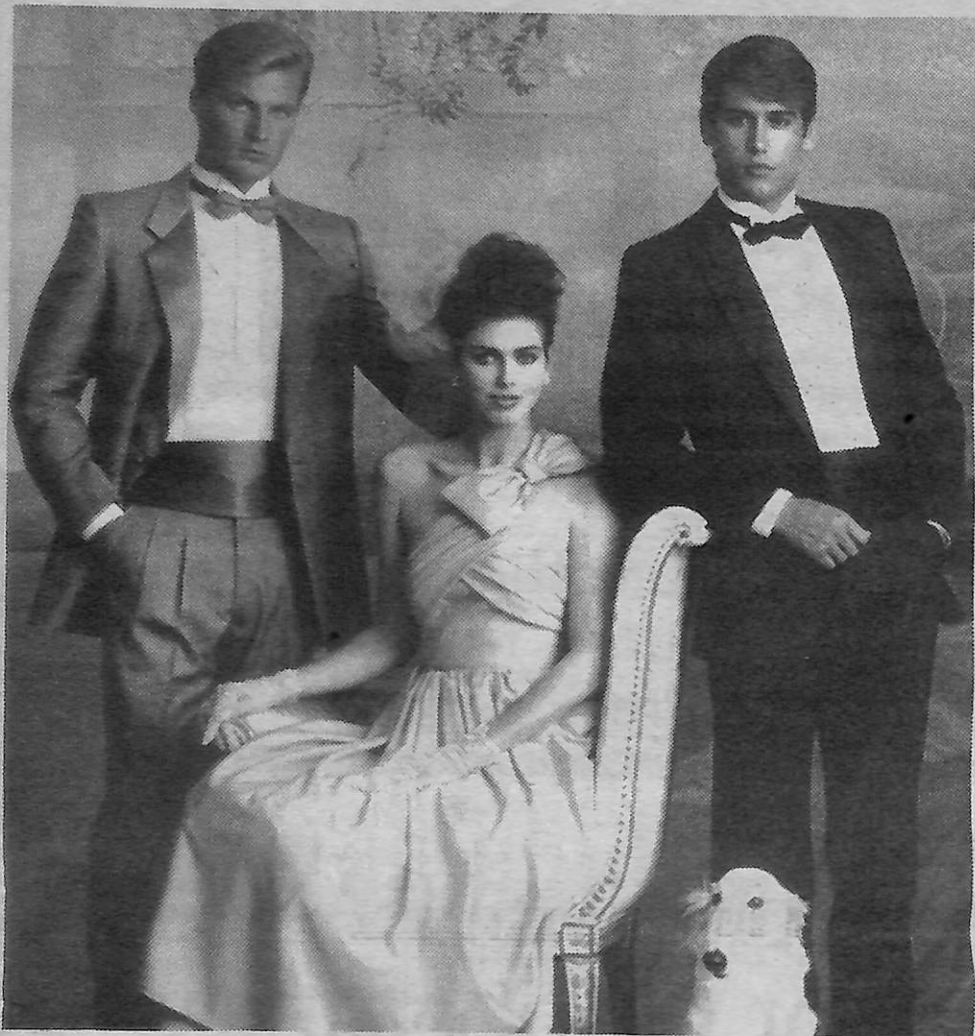
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Legal Tips...

What Happens If You Die Without A Will?

If a person dies without a will, that person is called **intestate**; one who dies leaving a will is called **testate**.

While many forms of property are transferred at death automatically, for example, joint bank accounts, life insurance policies, many other types of property change ownership at death through a process known as probate.

Probate is the court procedure by which a will is proved (Latin, PROBATIO) to be valid or invalid, and also signifies all proceedings relating to administration of estates and similar matters.

When one dies without a will, or **intestate**, then the court applies a set of rules supposed to embody roughly the wishes of the average hypothetical person as to how property should be distributed at death. These rules are called, appropriately, rules of intestate succession. In Massachusetts, they are codified at M.G.L. Chapter 190.

The property which is distributed by the rules of intestate succession is whatever remains after the expenses of funeral and medical expenses, the debts of the deceased, and costs of settlement of the estate have been paid. The rules of intestate succession provide for distribution to the following persons in declining order of preference:

1. The decedent's spouse.
2. The decedent's **issue**; that is, children, grandchildren, etc.
3. The decedent's parents.
4. Other **kindred**; that is, relatives of the decedent.

Interestingly, the rules do not provide for any distribution to in-laws; that is, relatives solely by marriage.

Where the spouse survives the rules provide:

1. **If issue also survive**, the spouse takes one-half of the property, and the issue takes the other one-half.
2. **If no issue survive**, but other kindred survive, the spouse takes the first \$50,000 of the estate, and the spouse and kindred each take one-half of whatever is leftover, if anything.
3. **If no issue or kindred survive**, the spouse takes all.

Where the spouse does not survive or decedent was unmarried, the rules provide:

1. If issue survive, **everything passes in equal shares** to decedent's children, and to the issue of any deceased child by **representation**, that is, children of a deceased child of the intestate decedent would split the deceased child's share.

If all children of the intestate are dead, then **everything is divided equally**. If the decedent's are in the same **degree of kindred**, for example, all are grandchildren; otherwise, it again goes by representation.

2. If no issue survive, but the **intestate's parents survive**, the parents each take one-half. If only one parent survives, that parent takes all.

3. If no issue or parents survive, **everything goes to the decedent's brothers and sisters**, and to the issue of any deceased siblings by representation.

4. If no issue, parents, or kindred survive, everything goes to the **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**.

If the foregoing seems reasonable and in accord with what you would wish as far as property distribution at your death is concerned, then you need do nothing.

If, on the other hand, you feel that other distributions might better effect your intentions to benefit your family, relatives, friends, or favorite institutions, then you should plan your estate accordingly.

This article is provided to familiarize readers with general concepts. Professional advice is recommended for answers to personal questions or circumstances.

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AGAWAM POLICE SAFETY OFFICER AL LONGHI and PETER FORASTIERE, director of Colonial Funeral Home, Main Street, Agawam, have established an Educational Program to help children become more aware of the serious social issue of telling good people from bad people. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Funeral Home, Police Present Educational Program

Today, the Colonial Funeral Home, in conjunction with the Agawam Police Department, announced the establishment of an "Educational Program" to help children become more aware of the serious social issue of "how do children tell good people from bad people."

The main objective of the Colonial Funeral Home and the Police Department is to get the community to think about their responsibility and their role in protecting all children.

Funeral Director Peter Forastiere stated, "The funeral home has always been the place for people to gather to begin the process of healing grief due to the death of a loved one. We are uniquely aware of the grief and hardship that is also brought about by the kidnapping or molesting of a child.

"Our funeral home has always provided educational programs for adults and children. This is just an extension of our out-reach programs at the Colonial Funeral Home. We have been able to obtain an excellent book through a national organization we belong to and are offering "The Secret Book" free of charge."

The book is illustrated and written at a child's intellectual level and its purpose is to educate without frightening the child. In March, during National Safety Week, Safety Officer Al Longhi will distribute the books to grades kindergarten through three as part of his yearly child safety talk.

Longhi stated, "In a recent report from the National Child Safety Council, over 1,000,000 children are reported missing each year and approximately 50,000 of these children never are found." Additionally, the United States Children's Bureau reports that a child is abused, molested, or sexually abused every 30 seconds.

"We bring this to the attention of the community and encourage parents to join us, the Colonial Funeral Home and the Agawam Police Department, in accepting the responsibility in educating the children of our community about personal safety," Forastiere said.

"We invite everyone with a young child or grandchild to take advantage of this free offer of "The Secret Book." To obtain a copy, call or write the Colonial Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam, 733-3625, or call the Agawam Police Department, 786-4767.

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by Rusty Jenks
Agawam Fire Chief

Smoke Is A Killer...Stay Low And Go!

Most people have a natural fear of fires and burns, but feel relatively safe in smoke. The Agawam Fire Department warns that smoke is the real killer in a fire. About eight of every ten fire deaths are due to breathing poisonous smoke and gases. Some victims never even see the flames.

Since smoke is lighter than air, it rises. In a building, it will go to the ceiling first and then back down. It will wind up stairs and down hallways. To prevent smoke inhalation, get low and go. Crawl to the nearest exit as quickly as possible. Once out, stay out.

Although you can't see it, smoke is filled with toxic gases. Plastics in particular give off a highly poisonous gas when burned. Since most homes have a large amount of plastic furnishings and most offices use many furnishings and machines made of plastic, these fires can be deadly. In addition, smoke contains carbon monoxide, a tasteless, odorless gas that causes confusion, reduced mental capacity and eventually death. It is important to stay low to avoid breathing a large amount of these poisons.

It is also important to install and maintain smoke detectors to provide an early warning to fire and smoke. Exposure to smoke for even a few seconds or minutes can be fatal. Smoke detectors give you the extra edge you need to escape safely. Every family should have a home fire escape plan which includes the use of smoke detectors and a knowledge of stay low and go. Even young children can be taught to respond properly.

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Westbank Announces Split In Common Stock

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At a special meeting of the shareholders of Westbank Corporation held on Thursday, January 30th, 1986, a majority of the shares of common stock of the corporation outstanding and entitled to vote, approved the proposal that the common stock of the corporation be split two-and-one-half for one. The result of this action is that each share of common stock, par value \$5 per share, will be split into two-and-one-half share, par value \$2 per share, and that the authorized number of shares be increased from 700,000 shares, par value \$5 per share, to 1,750,000 shares, par value \$2 per share.

According to Theodore P. Kosior, president and chief executive officer of Westbank Corporation, "the splitting of the corporation's shares on a two-and-one-half for one basis will broaden the market for the shares and attract more widespread ownership. Such a split is in the best interests of the corporation and its shareholders."

Westbank Corporation recorded record earnings for the year ended December 31st, 1985. Net income reached an all-time high of \$1,105,530, an increase of 25 percent over the \$883,394 earned in the comparable 1984 period.

This is the ninth consecutive year in which Westbank has enjoyed a year-to-year gain in earnings. On a per share basis, as adjusted by the two-and-one-half for one stock split, earnings were \$2.48 in 1985 and \$1.98 in 1984. Total assets increased by .16 percent to \$134,280, 151 and loans outstanding grew \$20,434,299, or 27 percent over the previous year.

"Increased lending activity, strong deposit growth and generally stable interest rates all contributed to the good operating performance," Kosior said.

A quarterly dividend of \$.33 per share was paid to all stockholders of record December 31st, 1985.

For copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message.

Laughing Brook Seeking Volunteers For Programs

Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden, seeks volunteer Sanctuary Guides to help implement the center's popular Wildlife in New England program.

Chase away those winter doldrums by volunteering your time teaching children in the out-of-doors at Laughing Brook! To prepare both new and veteran volunteers for the 1986 Wildlife in New England season, a series of Environmental Education Training Sessions will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on six consecutive Thursdays, beginning February 27th and ending April 3rd.

These training sessions will cover topics in natural history, ecology, environmental interpretation, and teaching techniques. Participants will focus on native New England plants and animals and will discover how they interact to form a viable community.

Laughing Brook's Sanctuary Guide group is responsible for leading small groups of school children around the center's exhibits of native New England wildlife, interpreting the experience, and answering questions for program participants.

Volunteer Sanctuary guides have the unique opportunity to learn new teaching techniques, work with school children in an "outdoor classroom," increase one's natural environment and the interrelatedness of all living things.

Scout leaders, camp counselors, and college students, as well as other interested individuals, are encouraged to attend these training sessions to increase one's knowledge of the environment and how to work with children in the outdoors.

To cover costs of materials, a \$10 fee will be charged. However, this fee will be refunded to those participants who become volunteer sanctuary guides.

Volunteers benefit as much or more than the sanctuary from the services given by volunteers. Laughing Brook volunteers receive free admission to the sanctuary, discounts of programs, subscriptions to the center's publications, contact with the Audubon staff, access to the Environmental Resource Library, and invitations to special volunteer recognition events.

In addition, sanctuary guide volunteers are able to participate in continuing education session and are offered the opportunity to be outdoors, work with children, and to enhance teaching skills.

For more information about this exciting volunteer opportunity and to sign up for the upcoming training sessions, contact Lisa Carpenter, volunteer coordinator at Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

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Laura Lee Brown Engaged To Stephen A. Czerpak

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The bride-elect is a 1980 graduate of Agawam High School, a graduate of Holyoke Community College, and Westfield State College, with a bachelor's degree in teaching.

She is presently employed by KinderCare Learning Center as a kindergarten teacher.

The groom-elect is a 1978 graduate of Agawam High School and a graduate of the University of Hartford, with a bachelor's degree in advertising.

He is presently employed by Hamilton Standard, Windsor Locks.

A May 24th wedding is planned.

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Leaded Glass Session At Historic Museum

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This workshop is designed to introduce the student to the methods of cutting, leading, foiling, and soldering stained glass ornaments. It will enable participants to create several small projects suitable for hanging in their windows.

Team-teaching this workshop will be Judy Beals and Kay Frizzle, skilled artisans and experienced teachers, whose custom work is represented in shops and homes across the country.

The cost of the workshop is \$16 (\$14 to Friends of the Quadrangle), plus a materials fee of \$12. Pre-registration is necessary. Class size is limited.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is sponsored in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

Hockey Booster Club Sponsors Alumni Dance

The Agawam High School Hockey Booster Club is sponsoring its Third Annual Alumni Dance, Saturday, February 22nd, at the Springfield Turnverein Club, Feeding Hills, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight.

Music will be provided by "Marks Rolling Review." There will be a trivia contest and raffle as well as snacks provided.

Tickets are available for \$5 per person and may be purchased by contacting Linda Lemay, 789-2314 or Richard Hill, 786-7453 or Jerry Sibilia, 786-7443.

Tickets will also be sold at the door.

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001 ORDINANCE NO. TOR -86-1

002 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADDING TO CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE IV,
003 SECTION 14-13 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM004 WHEREAS, the Town of Agawam has completed its negotiations with the Agawam
005 Department of Public Works Employees' Association and now wishes to amend
006 Chapter 14, Section 14-13 of the Code of the Town of Agawam to reflect
007 the changes in the agreement.008 NOW THEREFORE, Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13 of the Town Code of
009 the Town of Agawam is hereby amended by deleting and adding the follow-
010 ing:

011 DELETE ENTIRE SECTION

012 ADD - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1985:

013 Section IV - The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the
014 Department of Public Works shall be as follows, effective July 1, 1985:

015 HOURLY

016 Grade	Title	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
017 PW-14	Laborer	6.11	6.29	6.53	6.73	6.94
018 PW-17	P.W. Maint. Man					
019	MEO Lgt. Veh.	6.73	6.94	7.15	7.41	7.67
020 PW-19	Water Meter Rprmn.					
021	MEO Lgt. Veh.	7.15	7.41	7.67	7.91	8.16
022 PW-21	P.W. Maint. Craftsman					
023	ME Rprmn. - Spec. Hvy. Veh.	7.67	7.91	8.16	8.41	8.69
024 PW-23	Working Foreman	8.16	8.41	8.69	8.97	9.23

025 ADD - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1985:

026 Section IV - The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Department of
027 Public Works shall be as follows, effective July 1, 1986.

028 HOURLY

029	Title	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
030 PW-14	Laborer	6.48	6.67	6.92	7.13	7.36
031 PW-17	P.W. Maint. Man					
032	MEO Lgt. Veh.	7.13	7.36	7.58	7.85	8.13
033 PW-19	Water Meter Rprmn.					
034	MEO Hvy. Veh.	7.58	7.85	8.13	8.38	8.65
035 PW-21	P.W. Maint. Craftsman					
036	ME Rprmn. - Spec. Hvy. Veh.	8.13	8.38	8.65	8.91	9.21
037 PW-23	Working Foreman	8.65	8.91	9.21	9.51	9.78

038 Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13, Sub-Section V entitled "The grade and salary
039 range assignment of employees in the Engineering Division" shall be as follows, effective
040 July 1, 1985 and July 1, 1986.

041 DELETE ENTIRE SECTION

042 ADD - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1985:

LEGAL NOTICE

043 Section V - The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Engineering division
044 shall be as follows, effective July 1, 1985:

045 HOURLY

046	Grade	Title	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
047	E-14	Jr. Eng. Aide I	6.52	6.70	6.96	7.18	7.42
048	E-17	Jr. Eng. Aide II	7.18	7.42	7.64	7.89	8.16
049	E-21	Sr. Eng. Aide	8.16	8.42	8.67	8.98	9.27
050	E-23	Jr. Civil Eng.	8.67	8.98	9.27	9.53	9.84
051	E-25	Sr. Civil Eng.	9.27	9.53	9.84	10.16	10.51

052 ADD - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1986:

053 Section V - The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Engineering Division
054 shall be as follows, effective July 1, 1986:

055 HOURLY

056	Grade	Title	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
057	E-14	Jr. Eng. Aide I	6.91	7.10	7.38	7.61	7.87
058	E-17	Jr. Eng. Aide II	7.61	7.87	8.10	8.36	8.65
059	E-21	Sr. Eng. Aide	8.65	8.93	9.19	9.52	9.83
060	E-23	Jr. Civil Eng.	9.19	9.52	9.83	10.10	10.43
061	E-25	Sr. Civil Eng.	9.83	10.10	10.43	10.77	11.14

062 Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-13, Sub-Section VII, entitled "Administrative
063 Division" is hereby amended as follows, effective July 1, 1985:

064 DELETE AS FOLLOWS:

065 Section VII - A - The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Department
066 of Public Works Administrative/Supervisory Group shall be as follows, effective July 1, 1985:

067	Grade	Title	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
068	A-F27	Foreman - DPW	18,090.80	18,710.12	19,347.12	19,985.16	20,602.92

069 ADD - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1986

070 Section VII - A - The grade and salary range assignment of employees in the Department
071 of Public Works Administrative/Supervisory Group shall be as follows, effective
072 July 1, 1986:

073	Grade	Title	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
074	A-F27	Foreman - DPW	19,176.04	19,832.80	20,507.76	21,184.28	21,838.96

Dated this 6th day of February, 1986

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